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I spent a week in Richmond, and secured much valuable data from the Land Office there. At Staunton I traced the original signatures of Gabriel Jones, "the Valley Lawyer," Hon. Thomas Lewis, John Madison, first Clk. of Augusta, & father of Bishop Madison, et. al., *Anthony Strother*,³ (Wm.,² Wm.¹), b. 1710, d. 1765, merchant at Fredericksburg, ancestor of "Porte Crayon" who died without knowing *which Anthony* was his ancestor. He scattered broadcast the statement that his ancestor was Anthony, son of "Francis of St. Mark's Parish," whom he said was son of Jeremiah, &c., when he was absolutely wrong, Francis' son Anthony, was b. about 1734, *m.* Frances Eastham. & d. in Hardy Co., Va. I have stacks of data from his descendants. I have spent thirty odd yrs. examining county records & land titles & I claim to be an expert of the experts in finding what I want.

JOHNSON FAMILY.

(See QUARTERLY, XXI., 44-47.)

It is shown from QUARTERLY, XXI., page 99, that Col Rich- and Johnson came from Bilsby, County Lincoln, England, where the parish register might tell more of his family if examined. An account given some years ago by Mrs. Mary Ann Gifford, daughter of Chapman Johnson and granddaughter of Thomas Johnson "Minor" enables the pedigree to be written more exactly. Thus:

1. COL. RICHARD¹ JOHNSON, of King and Queen Co. (died 1699) by a wife in England had issue: 2. Judith, who married Sir Hardoff Westneys, Baronet, son of Sir Edmund Wastneys, who married Catherine Sandys, great-granddaughter of Edwin Sandys, archbishop of York. Sir Edmund Wastneys was a nephew of Sir Hardoff Wastneys, who married a niece of Sir Henry Chicheley, Governor of Virginia from 1678-1680. The first named Sir Hardoff Wastneys died 17 Dec., 1742, without issue, and the baronetcy became extinct. By a "second venter"

in Virginia, Col. Johnson had issue: 3 *Thomas*; 4 Richard, who died without issue about 1733, leaving his lands to his nephews *Thomas* and *Richard*; 5 *William*.

3. THOMAS² JOHNSON (*Richard*¹) died before 1734, married Anne Meriwether, daughter of Col. Nicholas Meriwether of New Kent by his wife Elizabeth Crawford. He had issue: four sons and two daughters: 6 *Nicholas*, oldest son, married Elizabeth Hudson; 7 *Richard*; 8 Jane, married Richard Chapman; 9 *William*, married Elizabeth Hutchinson; 10 Anne, married Thomas Coke, (Gifford), but the Louisa County Records say she married John Boswell, he may have been a second husband; 11 *Thomas*, called "Major," married Ursula Rowe. The widow 3 Ann Meriwether Johnson (baptized July 15, 1694, died 1780-1785), married 2dly John Cosby, who died in 1761 without issue.

6. NICHOLAS³ JOHNSON (*Thomas*,² *Richard*¹) died June 4, 1766, had by Elizabeth Hudson: 12 Thomas Johnson "Junior," who married Elizabeth Meriwether; 13 Richard, married Susanna Garrett, daughter of William Garrett, of Louisa, whose will dated 1779, was proved in 1780, and had issue Kitty, b. Dec. 18, 1786. (QUARTERLY, XV., 251). 14 Henry Astelow, married Susanna Michie; 15 Mary, married Richard Anderson.

12. THOMAS³ JOHNSON (*Nicholas*,² *Richard*¹), called "Junior," was sheriff of Louisa Co. and member of the County Committee in 1775. "He came into court 12 may, 1766, and made oath that Nicholas Johnson died without making a will and letters of administration were granted him on his decedent's estate" (communicated by Stephen H. Walsh, of Philadelphia). He married Elizabeth Meriwether, daughter of Major Thomas Meriwether (*David*, *Colonel Nicholas*) and Elizabeth Thornton his wife (born March 3, 1744) and had issue. 16 Elizabeth Thornton, married John Poindexter, of Louisa, Dec. 26, 1781 (QUARTERLY, XV., 32), who had issue: (a) Thomas b. Nov. 14, 1783. (b) Nicholas, born Sept. 18, 1786; and (c) Lucy Jones born Feb. 2, 1789. (See QUARTERLY, XV., 122, 250, 251.) 17 Nicholas married (1) Mary Marks of Georgia; (2) Miss Gilmer, of Alabama; 18 Francis, married Miss Mitchell; 19 David, married

Mary Tinsley; 20 Mary, married John Winston; 21 Sarah, married Richard Overton; 22 Thomas, b. Nov. 14, 1783 (QUARTERLY, XV., 123) m. (1) Harriet Washington; (2) Martha Winston; 23 Ann Meriwether, born Oct. 19, 1786 (QUARTERLY, XV., 250), married Charles Barret.

7. RICHARD³ JOHNSON (*Thomas*,² *Richard*¹) was lieutenant Col. of the Louisa militia in 1742 and afterwards lived at New Castle, Hanover County, where he died in Oct. 1771. His wife Dorothy ——— was living in 1769 (Hening, *Statutes-at-large*, VIII., 459). Mrs. Gifford says he married Dorothy Powers, but this was probably 24 Richard, probably his son, who married Dolly Powers Nov. 14, 1770, and had issue Reuben Powers Johnson, born Oct. 7, 1772. (See QUARTERLY, XV., 30, 119, where in one place Dolly is written "Polly" and Powers "Powis," which I take to be errors in copying) 25 Nicholas Meriwether Johnson, of New Castle, was probably another son, as was probably 26 Capt. William Johnson. (See QUARTERLY, XXI., p. 46.)

9. WILLIAM³ JOHNSON (*Thomas*,² *Richard*¹), was member of the House of Burgesses for Louisa in 1769. He married Elizabeth Hutchinson (Gifford). Who then was William Johnson, of Hanover Co., who married Martha Jones (daughter of Lane Jones) and was living in 1761 (?). (See QUARTERLY, V., p. 194, 196.) William Johnson & Elizabeth Hutchinson had issue: 27 Thomas Johnson, known as Thomas Johnson "Minor." He married his cousin Jane Chapman, daughter of Richard Chapman (See QUARTERLY, XXI., p. 46 for children).

11. THOMAS³ JOHNSON, known as "Thomas Johnson Major." He was a member of the Assembly from Louisa, 1760-1776, signer of the association in 1769, member of the County Committee in 1774. He is mentioned in his mother Ann Cosby's will as then living. He married Ursula or Ursilla Rowe and had issue. 28 Lucy, born July 14, 1781 (QUARTERLY, XV., p. 250).